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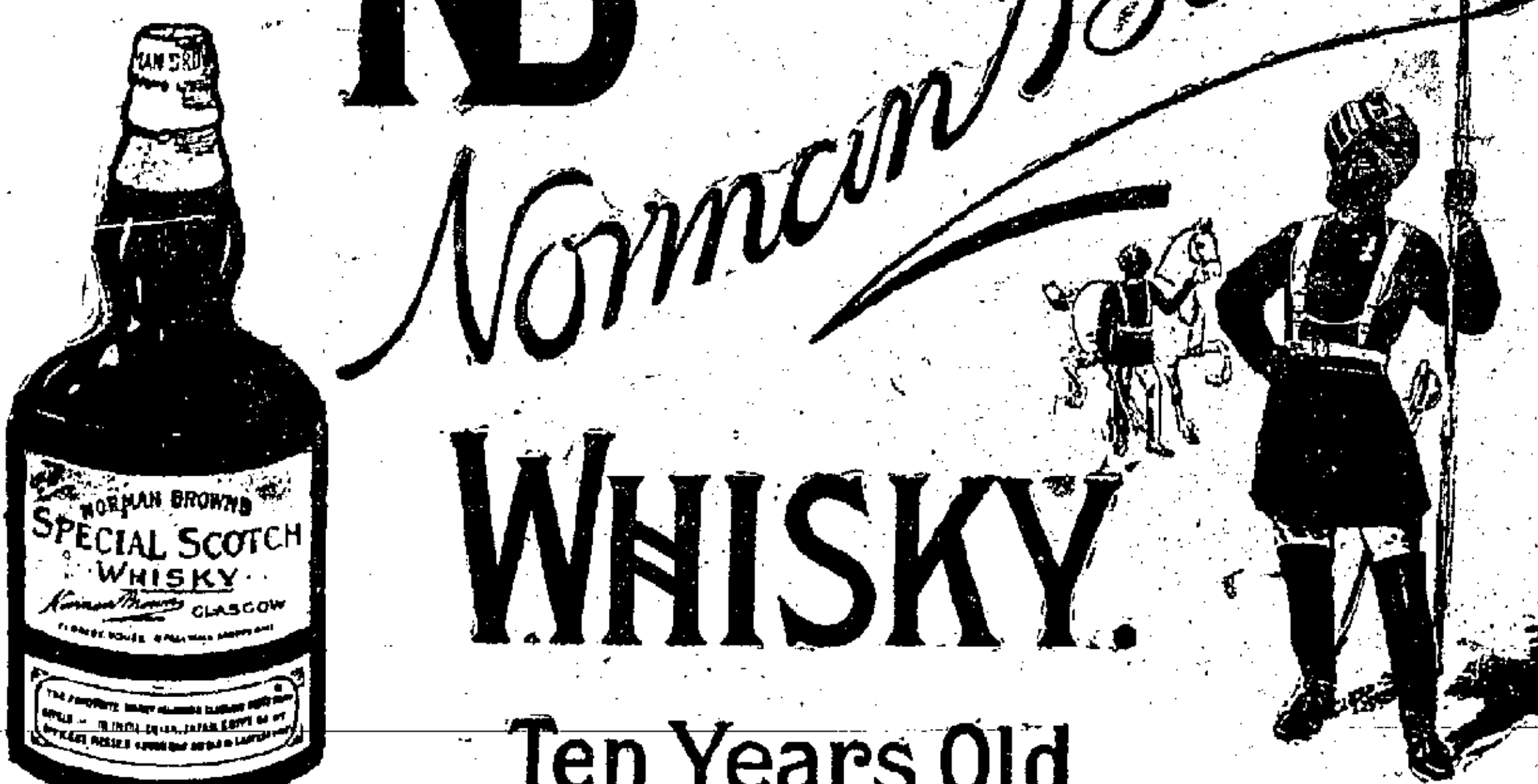
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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Sixty-Second Ordinary Half-yearly

MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS

in the Company will be held at the Office

of the Company, No. 12, Bank Building,

Queen's Road Central, on SATURDAY,

the 1st Instant, at 12 o'clock Noon, for

the purpose of receiving a Report of the

Directors, together with a Statement of

Accounts, declaring a Dividend, and electing

Directors and Auditors.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-

pany will be CLOSED from the 15th to

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T. ARNOLD,
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A gang of men entered a house at Telok Ayer St. and after gassing the occupants stole a box containing some valuables. The Police have not yet made any arrests.

The following London telegram dated June 18 is published by Australian exchanges:—Mr Ernest Terah Hooley, the millionaire, has completed arrangements through the British Foreign Office for carrying out a great scheme of railway construction in China. He proposes to build several lines, at an aggregate cost of £8,000,000. But what about the Chinese Government?

At the meeting of Sanitary Board to-day, a letter was read from the British Consul at Swatow, forwarding a report on the condition of bubonic plague in the district, and requesting that as the port of Swatow had been free the whole year of plague that the restrictions on vessels from Swatow be removed. The Board recommended that taking into consideration the information received the Colonial Secretary be advised that there is no necessity to continue the restrictions on vessels arriving from Swatow.

A correspondent of the *Japan Gazette* writes an account of his journey from Yokohama to London through the Suez Canal. Of the Hongkong roads he writes:—Hongkong being a British colony, it is hardly necessary for me to say that the roads everywhere on the hills as well as in the city are beautifully kept. In the good weather a ramble over hillsides must be delightful, for the views in all directions are really magnificent, that to the southward, with the blue waters dotted with islands, reminding one of the Inland Sea of Japan. I understand it is intended to construct a road round the island. This should prove a great boon to the inhabitants and especially to the cyclists, of whom there are a large number in the colony.

SEVERAL months ago it was intimated in our columns that Mr W. Bentley, A.R.M.C., had written a new valise, which he had christened 'Tarantula', and dedicated to Mr Herbert Smith, one of the leading members of the Tarantula Society. The valise was first of all written for execution by a full band, and Mr Bentley has succeeded in transcribing it for the piano in a very efficient manner. It is impossible to bring out the entire beauties of the composition in transcribing it from a full orchestral score to that for a solo instrument like the piano, but Mr Bentley has accomplished the work in such a skilful manner that he has lost very few of its beauties, and has produced an admirable addition to one's portfolio of dance music. Mr Bentley has studiously avoided any great difficulties in his production, bearing in mind that the general run of piano players do not care to take up an elaborate composition when playing to a dance assembly, and the melodies introduced are of that dreamy nature that characterizes the modern valise introduced by such composers as Cote, D'Albert and Waldteufel. The first valise is a dreamy melody with a fine swing, the second number changing to an equally charming though more florid composition. A sudden change of key to that of the minor third makes a fine effect, the melody lending itself capably to the idea. Another change takes place in No. 4, introducing a melody in the key of the minor sixth with a well-marked rhythm. Throughout the entire composition the harmonies are very pretty, and the melodies are enchanting, piquant and full of swing. Messrs Lane, Crawford and Co. have published the valise in a very artistic form. The print is very clear, and the frontispiece, which is from the design of one of our young townsmen, Mr R. G. Hopkins, is an artistic production of high standard. An excellent photograph of the home of the Tarantula Society, the City Hall, is introduced into the design, the other distinctive features being a fan, a spider, and a programme of the Society's last assembly on a background of splatter work. The publication can be obtained at Messrs Lane, Crawford's Music saloon.

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The duty question on yarn produced at the Shanghai mills has been arranged, says the *N.C. Daily News*. The duty has to be paid on shipment, and the yarn then goes free and carries an exemption certificate.

On the 9th inst. at 6.30 p.m., there was tremendous excitement on the Garden Bridge, Shanghai. This was due to the fact that a gentleman employed in the firm of Messrs Butterfield & Swire, who had been out sailing in a racing skiff, had chosen to rest on his own just at the entrance to the Creek, with the result that a cargo boat, being caught by the tide, was driven on top of the skiff and upset. It was rescued, but the boat had been completely spoiled, and as it was a new one, will cost a good deal to replace. —*China Gazette*.

The following paragraph in the *Shanghai Mercury* evidently refers to the popular 'E.W.M.' of the Hongkong C.O.:—Why the mid-week cricket reporters with one consent should ascribe Mr Matland's performances to a non-existent Williams is probably best known to themselves. It is true that Mr Matland is not one of the oldest or best known of our players, but his cricket record is sufficiently good and has afforded the younger journalists an opportunity which they are ever ready to seize of converting their other contemporaries. Indeed Mr Matland is no more a question to the betting and bowling powers of the senior Club. Probably also it is true that the trouble he would have caused in the field.

TEBRAC PLANTING COMPANY, LIMITED.

The first general meeting of shareholders in the Tebrac Planting Company, Ltd., was held to-day, in the Company's Offices, No. 38 and 40 Queen's Road Central. Mr Hart Buck presided. The others present were:—Messrs C. Ewen, H. Humphreys, G. Murray Bain, R. E. Humphreys, J. S. Hagen, E. K. Chandler, W. D. Sutton, A. P. Nobbs.

Mr H. Humphreys read the notice convening the meeting.

The Chairman said—Gentlemen, this meeting, as you are aware, is simply a statutory one, and we have no particular business to transact. I will, however, take this opportunity of saying a few words about our property and prospects. Our property, which consists of 2,000 acres of land in Johore, we hold on lease for 99 years from the Johore Government. 200 acres of this land have been for some years planted with gambier, which is the staple product of Johore, and the results have shown a good profit. In addition to this 200 acres of gambier, we are now working on 300 acres which we intend to plant with Liberian Coffee, and as we are informed that our land is in every way suitable for the cultivation of coffee we look forward with good hope to a profitable business in this direction. We have been fortunate in securing the services of Mr M. Larkson as manager. He is a gentleman well known in Hongkong and on the China Coast generally, and has the reputation of being one of the best planters at the Straits Settlements. Our last advice from Singapore inform us that everything is going on satisfactorily, and that they are hard at work on the 300 acres which are being cleared for planting. I may add, in conclusion, that Mr Larkson has been most energetic in our undertaking, and I am quite confident from my personal knowledge of him that he will do everything in his power to make our enterprise a success. Unless any shareholder would like further information there is no further business on the meeting.

No questions were asked. The Chairman—That concludes the business of the meeting, gentlemen. I thank you for your attendance.

THE SANITARY BOARD AND ITS OFFICERS.

At the fortnightly meeting of the Sanitary Board, held this afternoon, the Secretary laid on the table the answers of the officers of the Board to the motion proposed by the Vice President, at last meeting. The Secretary wrote to the President:—With reference to the motion passed at last meeting calling on each and everyone of the subordinate officers, interpreters and clerks serving under the Board to furnish a full and accurate statement of the business concerns, if any, in which they are interested, I have to report that each of them have been called upon to furnish such a statement. I append answers from—3 clerks; 16 interpreters, 1 overseer, 3 foremen, 9 watchmen, 2 shoofers, and 3 tallymen—32 in all. It will be observed that I have not included in this list any interest in any business concerns whatsoever.

Dr Atkinson moved that the papers be laid on the table. Dr Clark said—He beg to second the resolution, and would also venture to express the hope that this emphatic and unanimous reply affecting all the subordinate officers of this Department in regard to the remarks as to their business relations with Chinese contractors, etc., be recorded the same publicity by the press as was accorded to the motion of the Vice-President at the last meeting. I think, Sir, however, that this matter must not be allowed to rest here, for even the most sanguine cannot expect that the Board will have expected if any lack of sleep do exist among the subordinate officers of the Board they would be likely to incriminate themselves by giving any other answer than was received by the Board. At the last meeting of the Board I have to report that certain evidence which was in existence bearing upon this matter, which evidence I pointed out at that time had never been presented to the Board. The Board is aware of course that various anonymous communications have been received, and as the Board is concerned in this matter, and the Board has been substantiated, and while this doubt hangs over the subordinate officers of the Department there will always be some people who will attack ordnance to it, and, therefore, in continuation of the motion of the Vice-President at the last meeting, I beg to propose, 'That the Sanitary Board be recommended that His Excellency the Governor may be pleased to direct that any evidence that may exist to show that any of the subordinate officers of the Board are concerned in this matter, and the evidence be furnished to the Board.'

Mr W. Chatham—I beg to second that. I think the whole information should be before the Board, so that it will then be in the power of the senior officers to look after these men and see that they carry out their duties faithfully.

Mr F. H. May—I beg to move that this word 'confidential' be added to that motion.

Dr Clark—Yes, I accept that. The motion was carried unanimously.

H.I.M. The Empress Dowager, who had been staying at her residence at Eho Park for the last three months, returned to her Peking Palace on the 1st inst. The Empress and the whole Court, dressed in full Court costume, met Her Imperial Majesty at the Western Entrance of the Forbidden City, and presented themselves as the Empress Dowager's sedan chair passed into the gates. Her Majesty will stay at Peking for a month and then return to Eho Park until the very hot weather is over. —*N.C. Daily News*.

A DISPATCH from Nanking, under date of the 4th inst., reports an incendiary fire just outside the city of Kiangyin on the previous evening at a large silk cocoon establishment. The establishment had been in the habit of burning their cocoons in Shanghai, and at the time of the fire the boundaries knew well enough that this cocoon establishment, called the Chi Lun Cocoon Hong, had an insurance of £15,000 on the cocoons the hong had lately bought. Fortunately, however, for the Insurance Company, the cocoons had already been shipped for Shanghai, so that only the godowns were destroyed. The loss in this connection is estimated at between £10,000 and £15,000, not insured. The manager of the cocoon establishment is liable to punishment for such crimes. —*N.C. Daily News*.

THE BANK DIVIDEND.

We are informed that subject to audit the Directors of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank intend to declare a dividend of £1.5/6 for the last half-year, placing five pence to the Reserve Fund, and carrying forward about three pence.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE 'CHINA MAIL']

THE NAVAL MANOEUVRES. The Naval Manoeuvres ended in a fiasco, apparently owing to a misapprehension of the instructions of the Admiralty.

THE REPORT OF THE SOUTH AFRICA COMMISSION.

The South Africa Committee in its report strongly censures Mr Cecil Rhodes, for robbing the raid, for deceiving Lord Rossmore, and for concealing his designs from his co-directors of the Chartered South Africa Co., and the Cape Cabinet. It refrains from suggesting any proceedings against him or Mr Beit, who is also responsible. The Commission entirely absolves the Colonial Office from any cognizance of the raid.

WEATHER NOTICE.

The following notice is issued from the Observatory:—On the 10th at 11.25 a.m. The barometer is steady in the South, but has fallen a moderate amount on the China coast generally. Pressure, however, is still high over S. China and low in the North, with an area of slightly low pressure lying, apparently, in the Yellow Sea. Forecast:—light S. and S.W. winds; fine.

SUPREME COURT.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

(Before His Honour A. G. Wise, Esq., Judge.)

Tuesday, July 15th.

MESSRS JOHNSON, STOKES AND MASTER V. MESSRS JOHNSON AND CO. Plaintiffs claimed \$338.50 for fees for work done and money expended as solicitors for the defendants for which signed detailed bills were delivered to the defendants on 10th March.

Mr H. L. Denys appeared for the plaintiffs; Mr J. F. Rees represented the defendants. Mr Denys said the claim arose out of a claim by Messrs Grossman and Co. against Mr Bourneham with reference to the question of the infringement of trade marks. Mr H. L. Denys gave evidence of Mr Grossman having come to his office with reference to the claim, when he explained the proceedings in the arrangements for the settlement of the claim and the preparation of an agreement between the parties. The case was adjourned till to-morrow.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE FRENCH VICTORY AT HAINAN.

To the Editor of the 'CHINA MAIL'.

Hongkong, July 13, 1897. Sir,—Has it ever occurred to you that there are two ways of looking at the much-vaunted, glorious French Victory over the Chinese in Hainan, which is held up as an example for the weak-kneed British Government? What are the facts? A French steamship line by the simple process of 'cutting rates' kills off all opposition; having done this the owners raise the rates and look forward to a perpetual golden harvest as they had become monopolists.

But the long-suffering Chinese merchant says 'This rate is squeezing us; they don't change us fair rates, let us agree not to ship in their steamers until they change reasonably.' We won't stand these monopolies. So they agreed not to support the monopoly, but to ship by German, English or any other line. Then the French monopolists scream 'Here is a breach of treaty; send us a gunboat.' And the British government, the mandarins in paying an unjust claim. What would British merchants say if their Government ordered him only to ship by (say) a Japanese line of steamers whatever rates were charged?

Is this Free Trade? Shall we follow this example of aggressive piracy or shall we continue to give both sides?

FAIRPLAY!

[We are glad to see there is one at least who discusses this matter logically. The facts, we think, have been fairly stated in our leading articles, and the logical conclusion ought to be that the Hainan pig merchants were forced into a combination for their own protection, and it is difficult to see why any indemnity should have been allowed at all. The Treaty, we presume, never contemplated that the natives of China were to submit quietly to the action of any monopolist. Rather was it framed to prevent such monopolies—as we are experiencing on the West River, which, if allowed, will tend to hamper 'free trade' in the interior; and it amounts to little short of a disgrace that Hongkong capitalists can be found to finance these monopolies to the detriment of foreign trade with China. We have already said:—'We do not say that French methods should be applied, but it does seem to us that the British Government ought to adopt a change of policy towards a Government that has continually broken faith and violated many a treaty obligation.' We did not say the French had a strong case. We said 'Many stronger cases than the one under discussion have occurred where British subjects were concerned.' What we should like to see as the outcome of the speedy settlement on (to the French) a satisfactory basis of the French case is the speedy adjustment of cases where British subjects have suffered either from the partial violence of the Chinese populace or the violation of the treaties by Chinese officials. Is there any Britisher who thinks differently?—E.O.M.]

H.K. Li Hung-chang having demurred, the sale of H.K. Chang's big mill has fallen through, but the small mill of 40,000 spindles has been sold to the British syndicate for £100,000. —*N.C. Daily News*.

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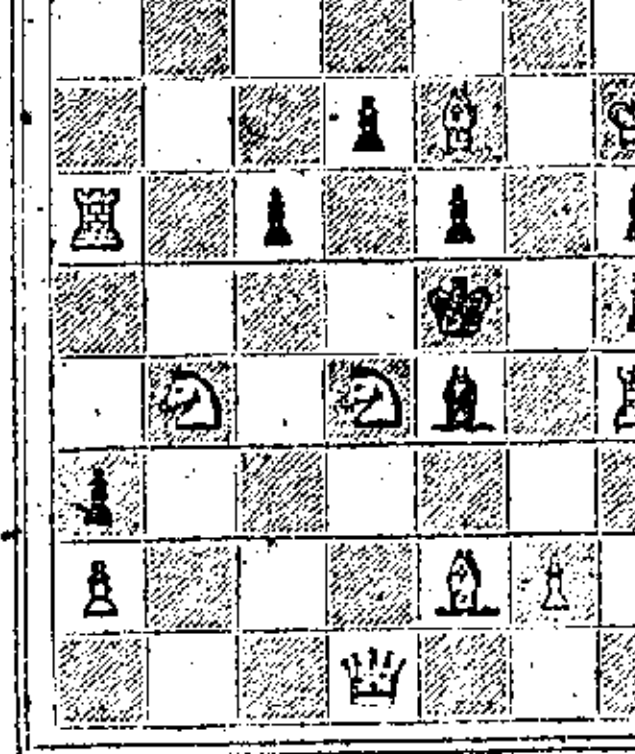
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The *Hongkong Chess Club* meets every Monday, Thursday and Friday from four till half-past seven p.m. at Thomas's Grill Room.

Problem No. 51.

By V. MARY.

Black (6 pieces).



White to play and make two moves.

Solution of Problem No. 49 by Mrs W. J. Bury.

1. Q-Kt4 Then if 1. K-Q5 QxP 2. B-B3 QxP 3. P-B2 KxP 4. P-Q5 Q-Kt5 5. P-Q8 Q-Kt7 6. Binoes2, B-B3

Hongkong, July 15.

The St. George's Chess Club has sustained a heavy loss in the death of the Earl of Dartry (its president for more than forty years) on May 12 at his residence in Eaton Square. A writer in the *B.C. M.* says:—'The Right Hon. Richard Dawson, third Viscount Cremorne and first Earl of Dartry, was born on Sept. 7, 1817, and was the youngest of four sons of the Earl of Dartry. He was the last survivor of four peers who were well known as Chess players in the latter half of the century and all of whom attained distinction in other ways as well. We may add that he was the strongest player of the four. The others were the Earl of Ravensworth, who, like Lord Dartry, obtained promotion in the peerage by his political services, and possessed also a considerable literary gift; the fourth, Lytton, an eminent scholar and statesman; and the late Marquis Tweeddale, long known as Lord Arthur Hay, a distinguished ornithologist. Lord Dartry was a Liberal in politics when Liberalism retained its old significance, and was raised to the peerage in 1866. He was naturalized in 1866. For many years, he was a regular attendant at the club when in town, and made an excellent president, always ready to take the chair on changing his functions. He was a keen and successful player, and his games were much admired. For some time he had suffered severely from gout, but had played at the club and presided over committee meetings within the last few weeks. He was buried on his Irish estate of Dartry, Co. Monaghan.'

A British M.P., writing to the *Pall Mall Gazette* recently, says that the recreations of members while in actual attendance at the House of Commons are few. He says the first chess board was introduced years ago there was some excitement, and subscriptions were made, so that very soon eight more boards and men made their appearance. To-day, in the smoking room, the game is constantly played, and it is a rare sight to see a member of the House of Commons engaged in a game of chess. He says that he has seen a member of the House of Commons engaged in a game of chess, and that he has seen a member of the House of Commons engaged in a game of chess.

The Match between members of the British House of Commons and the American House of Representatives resulted in a draw as follows:—

Mr F. Russell beat Mr M. Pearson. Mr J. H. Parnell lost to Hon. Mr. Shalorh.

Mr Strauss lost to Hon. Mr. Bodine.

Mr Atherton-Jones beat Hon. Mr. Ploymann.

Mr F. W. Wilson drew with Hon. Mr. Shalorh.

I shall publish one or two of the games next week.

Many happy returns of the day to H. T. Bird, the G.C.M. of Chess, who completed his 67th year yesterday. He has played over 10,000 games, and is a member of a species that is fast passing out of existence. The modern Master is apt to be plodding, painstaking and mechanical; Bird is dashy, eccentric, and original. He has written a great deal on Chess, his last book 'Chess for Dummies' being a heap of gems, carefully thrown together and having all possible faults of arrangement and revision with many merits peculiar to itself. The various Bird openings are pitfalls to the unwary, and he has played his last book 'Chess for Dummies' being a heap of gems, carefully thrown together and having all possible faults of arrangement and revision with many merits peculiar to itself.

The Prince of Wales wore the red uniform of a field marshal, and among all the other princes there were no two uniforms alike. The Royal gown seemed a collection of glittering, colorful and beautiful gowns. The Princess of Wales wore some beautiful diamonds and the Grand Duchess Sergius displayed the largest emerald in the world. It was noticeable, however, that the Royal party was less lavish in jewelry than some of the other princes, who were fairly plastered with gems.

The audience included all the leaders of official and social England, and all of the ambassadors.

In the boxes were seen the Duke and Duchess of Portland, the Duke of Devonshire, Lord Shrewsbury, Lord Londesdale, Lady Warwick, Mr and Mrs. Leiter and the Duchess of Marlborough, in a costume of white, and wearing her famous pearls. Half the audience left before the end of the performance, anxious to get to the theatre in the other boxes, who were fairly plastered with gems.

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With the above may be compared the following one of twenty-one games played simultaneously at Newport on February 16, 1888:—

Game No. 125.

SCOTCH GAMBIT.

White (Hutchinson) Black (Bird.)

1. P-K4 P-K4

2. Kt-K3 B-K3

3. P-Q4 P-Q4

4. Kt-Kt5 Kt-Kt5

5. Kt-Kt5 Kt-Kt5

6. B-K3 B-K3

7. Castles B-K3

8. Q-B3 B-K3

9. B-K3 B-K3

10. Q-Kt5 Q-Kt5

11. Q-QB Pch Q-Kt5

12. QxR Q-Kt5

13. B-KB4 Q-B

14. P-Kt3 Q-B

15. K-B3 Q-B

16. K-B3 Q-B

17. BxP Q-B

18. KxP Q-B

19. KxP Q-B

20. KxP Q-B

21. KxP Q-B

22. KxP Q-B

23. KxP Q-B

24. KxP Q-B

25. KxP Q-B

26. KxP Q-B

27. KxP Q-B

28. KxP Q-B

29. KxP Q-B

30. KxP Q-B

31. KxP Q-B

32. KxP Q-B

33. KxP Q-B

34. KxP Q-B

35. KxP Q-B

36. KxP Q-B

37. KxP Q-B

38. KxP Q-B

39. KxP Q-B

40. KxP Q-B

41. KxP Q-B

42. KxP Q-B

43. KxP Q-B

44. KxP Q-B

45. KxP Q-B

46. KxP Q-B

47. KxP Q-B

48. KxP Q-B

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